

January 29, 1951.
County and Township Affairs.

House File 240
By LUCKEN and NORLAND.

Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section two hundred thirty-four point nine (234.9), Code 1950, relating to membership of county supervisors on county boards of social welfare.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Section two hundred thirty-four point nine
- 2 (234.9), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking in lines
- 3 thirteen (13) to sixteen (16) the following: "At the
- 4 discretion of the board of supervisors one or more of said
- 5 members may be chosen from the membership of said board of
- 6 supervisors." and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 7 "One or more of said members shall be chosen from the
- 8 membership of said board of supervisors."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 240

This bill will make mandatory, not discretionary, the membership of one or more members of the county board of supervisors on the county boards of social welfare. This bill was drawn up in the 53rd General Assembly on recommendations of a sub-committee on appropriations, passed by the House with only one dissenting vote but was lost in the Senate sifting committee.

The sponsor's reasons for this are that a member of the board of supervisors has responsibility for the general expenditures of his county; he will be interested similarly in the expenditures of the county board of social welfare because of the county's participation in the welfare program; he will be in a position to pierce the "wall of secrecy" set up by the federal administration and thus be in an official position to investigate personally any welfare case in his jurisdiction.